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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Lutz Biedermann et al.

Appln. No.: 10/660,453

Filed: September 11, 2003

For: Space Keeper for Vertebrae or  
Intervertebral Disks

Attorney Docket No: 7948/15

Examiner: Willse, David H.

Art Unit: 3738

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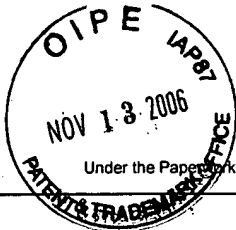
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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS  
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| Filing Date            | September 11, 2003     |
| First Named Inventor   | Lutz Biedermann et al. |
| Art Unit               | 3738                   |
| Examiner Name          | Willse, David H        |
| Attorney Docket Number | 7948/15                |

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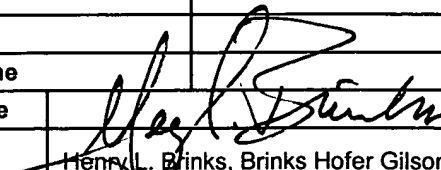
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